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Six Ole Miss players, 10 signees selected in MLB Draft

BY AUSTIN MILLER
Sports Editor

Six Ole Miss baseball players were selected in the Major League Baseball First Year Player draft this week. David Goforth, Austin Wright, Miles Hamblin, Matt Crouse and Matt Tracy were all taken in day two on Tuesday and Matt Snyder joined them on the third and final day of the draft Wednesday.

“(We are) proud of the kids in

our program,” Ole Miss coach Mike Bianco said. “It’s always a privilege and honor to be selected in the Major League draft. Certainly, they’re deserving and very talented kids. With the juniors, we will have to wait and see how things progress through their negotiations.”

Junior right-hander David Goforth, the Saturday starter this past season, was the first player from Ole Miss drafted, coming off the board in the

seventh round to the Milwaukee Brewers. Goforth went 4-8 with a 4.88 earned run average in 14 starts this past season, including a win over No. 1 South Carolina and a complete-game performance in his final start at Arkansas.

Junior left-hander Austin Wright, a transfer from Chipola Junior College, was the second Ole Miss player drafted, taken in the eighth round by the Philadelphia Phillies. Wright went 5-4 with a 4.73 earned run average and a team-high 67 strikeouts this past season, including a career-high 10 strikeouts in a win over Mississippi State.

Senior catcher/first baseman Miles Hamblin was the lone Ole Miss hitter chosen on day two, going in the 12th round to the Houston Astros.

Junior left-hander Matt Crouse, who moved into the role as Friday night starter, was drafted in the 24th round by the Detroit Tigers. Senior left-hander Matt Tracy, a midweek starter and starting outfielder, followed later in the 24th round, taken by the New York Yankees.

Junior first baseman Matt Snyder, who was limited to designated hitter duties after left shoulder injuries each of the past two seasons, was drafted by his hometown team, the Washington Nationals, in the 44th

round. The Centerville, Va., native hit .301 with a team-leading nine home runs this past season.

Ten Ole Miss baseball signees, including seven on day two, also heard their names called at this year’s draft.

“(The draft) went much the way we expected, where a lot of (the recruits) fell,” Bianco said.

Michael Reed, an outfielder from Leander, Texas and Baseball America’s 160th-ranked prospect, was the first signee drafted, taken in the fifth round by the Milwaukee Brewers.

Senquez Golson, a highly regarded football and baseball signee for Ole Miss, went in the eighth round to the Boston Red Sox. In football, he was rated a four-star recruit according to Scout.com, and three-star recruit according to Rivals.com, at defensive back. In baseball, he was the highest-ranked signee in the recruiting class, ranked No. 107, according to Baseball America.

Jake Overbey, a shortstop from Jackson, Tenn., and the younger brother of freshman third baseman Preston Overbey, went in the 10th round to the Philadelphia Phillies.

The Washington Nationals drafted a pair of Ole Miss in-state signees - Biloxi right-hander Hawtin Buchanan and Madison Central right-hander Josh Laxer - in the 19th and 20th rounds,

respectively.

Sikes Orvis, a first baseman from Orlando, was the second signee drafted by the Boston Red Sox, also taken in the 19th round.

Ryan Hornback, a catcher from San Jacinto (Texas) Junior College, rounded out the signees drafted on day two, going to the Pittsburgh Pirates in the 27th round.

Dylan Chavez, a left-handed pitcher from American River (Calif.) College, was the first signee taken on day three, going in the 32nd round to the Minnesota Twins.

Will Jamsion, an outfielder signee from Memphis, Tenn., went in the 45th round by the Cleveland Indians. And Chris Ellis, a right-handed pitcher from Spain Park high school in Birmingham, Ala., became the 10th Ole Miss baseball signee drafted, taken in the 50th and final round of the draft.

Of the 16 players in the Ole Miss baseball recruiting class, 10 were selected in this year’s draft. While Hamblin and Tracy are graduated seniors, Goforth, Wright, Crouse and Snyder all have eligibility remaining and have the option to return for their senior seasons next year. The last day to sign with major league teams is Aug. 15, with a deadline at midnight.



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Junior left-hander Matt Crouse pitches in a 9-8 loss to Georgia. As the Friday night starter this season, Crouse went 7-4 with a 3.41 earned run average and 62 strikeouts in 14 starts this season.

Northern Mississippi economy on the rise

BY LEE HARRIS
The Daily Mississippian

Despite the struggling economy, recent polling numbers collected by the Mississippi Economic Council suggest that business and community leaders around Mississippi are optimistic about the state’s long-term growth prospects.

The poll found that nearly eight out of 10 interviewees believed that Mississippi could experience the same kind of growth over the next 10 years that other Southern states like Georgia and North Carolina have enjoyed.

“Throughout the state, we’re seeing a real belief that there are opportunities to grow,” said Scott Waller, senior vice president of public affairs for the Mississippi Economic Council.

Unlike many parts of the state, North Mississippi has already be-

gun to show signs of this anticipated growth.

Max Hipp, president and CEO of the Oxford Chamber of Commerce, said that there are pockets of places all across the country that are really hurting, but that Northeast Mississippi is poised for future growth.

“People are going to be seeking out places that are desirable to live, where there’s a quality of life, a variety of housing, a variety of job opportunities and we’ve been recognized as a place of economic strength for our size,” Hipp said. “Most people feel very positive around here about our future.”

In fact, Oxford was recently recognized as one of the top “micropolitan” cities in the United States. Policom, a company that specializes in studying localized economies, evaluated these cities, whose populations range from 10,000 to

50,000. They ranked Oxford 26th out of 576 qualifying cities based on its consistent growth.

Christy Knapp, Oxford Chamber of Commerce’s executive vice president, said that it’s important for them to target that size of a particular grouping.

“There’s a lot that’s going on in smaller communities,” he said. “I would point to FNC as an example. Their clients are not here in Oxford, they’re all over the country. We’re glad they decided to stay.”

Knapp said that Mississippi is blessed to have Gov. Haley Barbour’s focus on economic development.

“He has been a key player and a key driver in helping to attract some of the projects that have come here,” Knapp said. “I think maybe that’s why people are feeling encouraged that our future elected officials and legislature will contin-

ue along that vein.”

In addition to Oxford, other parts of North Mississippi are also showing strong growth. Tupelo scored highly on the Policom rankings, falling just outside the top 100. Olive Branch was listed at No. 1 on Business Week’s ranking of the fastest growing cities in America from 2000 to 2010.

The many large corporations setting up manufacturing sites in North Mississippi also create strong job growth regionally. In addition to the well-publicized Toyota factory, lesser projects like Oxford’s Winchester plant can be strong drivers of growth for local economies.

“With Winchester coming on, we can look forward to another 1,000 jobs in the next five years along with 500 spin-off jobs,”

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With all the economy difficulties, local and state officials believe the future looks positive. Oxford is one of two North Mississippi cities to rank in the top “micropolitan.”

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BY ROBERT NICHOLS
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An atheist in Mississippi

BY ALAN-MICHAEL WHITE
Columnist

Ladies and gentlemen, I am an atheist, if you weren't well aware after my last column about abortion. We number some 30 million Americans and every newborn baby across the world.

Despite our newest members being adorable, ours is a group deemed the second most untrustworthy group by a Gallup Poll in 2008.

Despite being trusted twice as much as Scientologists, 13 percent is not enough. But really, the issue at hand isn't trustworthiness that concerns me.

Certainly no one should implicitly trust people on their religion or lack thereof alone. Politicians use religion regularly to pander to their constituents and in a different world, there's no reason the same couldn't be true of atheism.

However, if the different groups were evenly liked, they would be evenly implicitly

trusted.

The fact that this is not the case is very telling of the religious climate we Americans live in.

In a different Gallup Poll, one which I was lucky enough to participate in, conducted in December 2008, it was found that 85 percent of Mississippians placed a high level of importance on religion in their daily lives.

Among these some six million atheists, Mississippians are likely to think favorably of their atheist brethren.

Many of my valued friends are these kinds of Mississippians.

But with a national trust rating of 13 percent, religiosity rating for the state of 85 percent and a margin of error 1 percent, it's hard to be optimistic about the overlap.

I remember my first semester at the University of Mississippi.

My roommate was attempt-

ing to establish a Secular Student Alliance on campus. However, when the university wouldn't recognize it in the same way many religious student organizations are, those who would have been involved decided the fight wasn't worth fighting.

Frankly, I can understand their fear. Confrontation is scary stuff, and if you come out, you will be confronted about it more than once.

Atheists need to be out there making their presence known. If someone makes their irreligion known, not everyone is going to like them once they find out. Still, the friends worth keeping will think nothing of it, and your apostasy will change nothing in their eyes. With our families, coming out can be far more tricky.

Certainly, there's a large risk of them being unhappy; my dad certainly wasn't, but before too long, everything

comes around.

Though perhaps our parents and family don't love us for who we are. Certainly, that's a risk. However, if we're able to remain vigilant and remind people that there are atheists in Mississippi, the risk of that happening will be lessened a great deal.

While we live in a society that tells us not to judge people by who they are, and instead by their actions, it does seem odd that this does not apply to the topic of religion. As some of you may say, this should be a nonissue for anyone. However, it sadly is and awareness is the only method by which this may be effectively combatted.

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This isn't our first trip with health care

BY JAY NOGAMI
Columnist

Imagine this situation: Instead of government sponsored Medicare, the United States offers vouchers to citizens so that they can purchase private health plans. Seems like an ideal situation right? Too bad it will never actually be tried, right?

Yet, if you look back to the past 15 years, a similar approach was attempted once. Then it was overhauled eight years ago. And guess what? It has been a colossal failure. A money sink for Medicare.

Meet Medicare+Choice. Created as a part of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997, it offered senior citizens an alternative to traditional Medicare. Using this program, Medicare would pay a certain amount of the private health plan each month. Co-payments would start at similar rates to traditional Medicare, but could also be more.

The idea behind Medicare+Choice was to create a competitive and alternative to Medicare. However, to many Republicans' chagrin, the plan failed. From 1999 to 2001, out-of-pocket costs for Medicare+Choice enrollees skyrocketed by nearly 50 percent. Additionally, this program had a disproportionate impact on those who needed Medicare the most: the sickest and lowest earning enrollees. Even those in good health

experienced an out-of-pocket cost hike by 43 percent.

To make matters worse, many health providers left the private market because of insufficient profits. At the time, Medicare+Choice enrollees were paying 13 percent more than traditional Medicare enrollees. If private health providers cannot provide at least the same coverage that traditional Medicare does with an additional 13 percent revenue, similar private health care cannot work.

This is largely because administrative overhead for government-based Medicare is around 3 percent. The most conservative estimates for private based health care is 10 percent. This is a major difference and a major place where savings come.

The program was reformed into Medicare Advantage in 2003. It was an attempt to overhaul Medicare+Choice and to make government-paid private health plans possible, yet plans under this program, costs 20 percent more than traditional Medicare.

Still, representatives and senators still seem to think that offering private vouchers is the best solution. Rep. Paul Ryan has introduced a budget that includes private health care.

His said, "Our premium-support plan is modeled after the Medicare Part D prescription-drug program." Yet, Medicare Part D costs have ris-

en nearly 60 percent since 2006.

What Rep. Ryan has introduced is not a revolutionary way to keep health care costs down. His ideas are not even new ideas. They are old, recycled ideas that he is trying to pass off as our future. Yet, plans similar to his have failed consistently to do what they achieved: reign in quickly-growing Medicare costs.

In fact, the Congressional Budget Office projects that Rep. Ryan's plan will cost \$30 trillion more than compared to traditional Medicare over the same 75-year period. Keep in mind that the Congressional Budget Office is a nonpartisan group. They are not just liberal nut jobs trying to keep the private sector down.

We can all agree that growing medical costs in the U.S. need to be kept in check. It is imperative to our future that we stop the skyrocketing costs. However, privately-controlled, publicly-paid plans are not the future.

They say history repeats itself. In the health care field, this has already happened. Don't let it happen again.

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What's the key to happiness?



BY ALEXANDRA DONALDSON
Columnist

Happiness is the key to the fountain of youth. As I have said before, no matter if you make billions at your job, if you despise it at the same time, you won't be happy. The keys to happiness are on my mind these days. With the world having more less than fortunate events lately, I seem to be drifting to the silver lining in every one.

As I finish watching the movie "The September Issue" about Anna Wintour, the editor-in-chief at Vogue magazine, I wonder, "What is her key to happiness?"

What drives her through all of the stress in producing the No. 1 fashion magazine? What makes her not fall under all of the pressure of such a dynamic, innovating and changing industry of fashion?

I believe it is self confidence. Self confidence is the one thing every-

one needs to have. Self confidence is different in everybody, it's their own "label," if you will. If a girl is clothed with diamonds, the most expensive brands, drives a one-of-a-kind European car, she will still look sad and frumpy if she does not have any self confidence.

Self confidence is the essence of a person. If a homeless person has self confidence, in their own way, they will be happy. As Wintour goes to her everyday job as an icon and a legend, self confidence is her own personal key to happiness. Wintour can walk into a room where she knows no one and no one knows her and can immediately start up a conversation about world events or fashion.

When it comes to her job, this is when her self confidence is the strongest. She knows what she is doing. Everyone works around her schedule whenever she wants them to. She is basically a god of the fashion world. According to Wintour, her strongest quality is quick decision making. Her quick decision making comes from her self confidence.

It is not a thing you can buy but one you can learn on your own. You have to trust in yourself and in your own decision making. It is a

quality that cannot be beat. When one becomes an elder and has the self confidence of a teenager, they are not afraid to live life.

Self confidence allows you to live life to the fullest and not be afraid and run away from your comfort zone. Self confidence allows you to experience jumping out of an airplane so you can get a sense of flying, or gives you the strength to oppose your boss' ideas about a business concept.

It will lead you to where you do not have any regrets in life. Just do not hold back. Even when the time comes for you to die, you will have experienced life as an adventure, not as a day-to-day routine, where you are just trying to get the bills paid.

Self confidence is the fountain of youth. A fountain of youth for your soul.

Self confidence is the key to happiness in one's life, which is the one thing every human desires the most.

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Letter to the Editor

Recently, The Daily Mississippian stated that all attempts would be made to keep the newspaper fair and balanced.

This old man, who has been alive from Herbert Hoover on, has seen the slips and errors of statements of many presidents and candidates.

I was disappointed by the slanted and erroneous article written by Angela Rogalski about Sarah Palin.

History, as you know, is written by many individuals with their own peculiarities about what actually happened.

I could say many things about the liberals, but then we would degenerate into he said, she said.

I will close by saying this one man is terribly disappointed in your approval of this article.

Sincerely yours,
Anthony F.X. Leppa

Correction

An article on the front page of Wednesday's paper had incorrect information about Congressman Alan Nunnelee's meetings in Oxford. Nunnelee will host a Lafayette County Community Roundtable from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. today at the Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce. Nunnelee will host a town hall meeting at 6 p.m. tonight at the Lafayette County Courthouse on the Square.

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Ole Miss dedicated its newest classroom building Friday to the memory of a former governor credited with saving the state from financial bankruptcy during the depression of the '30s.

“Never was an honor more worthily bestowed,” said prominent Jackson banker J.T. Brown, who was a classmate of the honoree — Martin Sennett Connor — here nearly 50 years ago.

Mr. Brown was the featured speaker at the dedication of Conner Hall, the newly air conditioned, four-story home of the school of commerce.

"In this simple service a life devoted to the welfare of Mississippi and her people finds its earthly coronation," Mr. Brown declared. "Let us, the living, pick up the torch and solemnly resolve to dedicate ourselves to the fulfilment of his dream of better government through a more intelligent understanding among men."

The late Governor Conner took office in 1932 right at the time when the state's financial resources were at their lowest ebb. He instituted measures, such as the sales tax, which preserved the state's credit and made it possible to pay off multimillion dollar obligations and to restore sound financial practises.

"The financial condition of the state, though serious in the extreme, was by no means the only difficult problem with which he was faced," Mr. Brown recalled. "The plight of the institutions of higher learning was desperate. Problems of administration, accreditation and the reputation of the institutions themselves demanded drastic action."

The state schools were being op-

erated by three separate boards and this resulted in confusion, strife and inefficiency, he said. All of them were in trouble with the accrediting agencies and four — including the University — had been expelled from the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges. The University alone had lost more than a third of its student body to firings of some of “her loyal and best loved” faculty members.

One of Governor Conner's first acts was the establishment of the Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning with control over all of the six state colleges then in existence. Within a short time displaced faculty members were returned to their former positions. Soon accreditation of all the schools was restored.

Among those present for the dedication in the Commons Room of the new Conner Hall were Mrs. Conner and several other members of the family. The group included Mr. and Mrs. Robert Biggs Jr. and children, State Land Commissioner and Mrs. R. E. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brantley and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Davis, all of Jackson, and Miss Mildred Lee Hemeter of Hattiesburg.

Governor and Mrs. Ross Barnett, House Speaker Walter Sillers, several members of the Board of Trustees and some of the former colonels of Governor Conner's staff were in attendance at the dedication. Dr. J. D. Williams, chancellor of the University, presided and introduced the guests.

Following the ceremonies a reception was held in the spacious lobby of the new classroom and office building.

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Lightning hits Miss. military base

CAMP SHELBY, Miss. (AP) — Two Air Force Reserve cadets were taken to a hospital by ambulance and 75 others by bus after a lightning strike Wednesday at a Southern Mississippi military training base, a spokeswoman said.

Air Force Reserve cadets from around the country were at the Joint Forces Training Center for two weeks of work, said Army National Guard Maj. Deidre Musgrave. All were responsive and stable after the lightning hit about 2 p.m., she said.

Forrest County emergency operations director Terry Steed told a National Weather Service forecaster that nobody was directly hit

when lightning hit a power pole near tents. All were taken to hospitals as a precaution, said Mike Edmonston, a senior meteorologist in Jackson.

Camp Shelby near Hattiesburg is the nation's largest state-owned military training center. Its 136,000 acres cut out of southern Mississippi's rolling hills and pine forests includes mock cities designed to look like Iraq and Afghanistan to give soldiers realistic training.

Soldiers and airmen from around the country train there each year and tens of thousands of National Guard troops from across the country have prepared there for missions in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.



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Lt. Col. James Ainsworth, Director of Plans, Training, Mobilization and Security at Camp Shelby speaks to members of the media outside of Forrest General Hospital's emergency room on Wednesday.

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Hipp said. "We're talking a huge economic impact to the region of about \$50 million."

Despite many positive indications of growth and development, some Mississippians think the state has a long way to go before it can achieve the meaningful growth predicted by the respondents of the Economic Council poll.

Ole Miss economics professor Dr. William Shughart said Mississippi has barriers it must overcome before it can expect any kind of substantial growth. He has a different view than many Mississippians on the state recruiting large firms to operate here.

"We've got to get away from the mindset that you hand out favors to special firms, give them breaks, whatever," Shughart said. "These

economic development incentives are very costly and there's no real evidence that they pay off in the long run."

Shugart said he would rather see the state reduce regulations and taxes on all businesses instead of offering preferential treatment to a select few.

"If we cut the regulatory and tax burden on business, they would come," he said. "If property tax relief and sales tax relief is good for Nissan and Toyota, it should be good for everybody else, too."

Another issue raised by Shughart is Mississippi's reluctance to do away with its inventory tax. In addition to more traditional taxes, each business is required to pay a percent of the value of the inventory they hold at the end of each year. This can deter companies that warehouse or distribute goods from operating in Mississippi.

Mississippi's economy has many bright spots that are showing

signs of improvement. However, Shughart said the state's education problem is deeply rooted and will ultimately hinder the success of the state.

"Until the public education system starts doing a better job, we're going to have trouble growing because the number one thing that businesses look for when they're relocating is an available, trained or trainable, work force," he said. "We just don't have that."

Despite the problems facing Mississippi, Hipp said he believes the state's long-term growth is inevitable.

“When you think about it, the Carolinas grew like this 30 and 40 years ago,” he said. “People from the North were looking for places to go where they could operate cheaper and get away from the hustle and bustle, so they went south. As a guy from Ohio told me one time, Mississippi is still a frontier.”

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The Naked and Famous help beat summer heat

BY NATHANIEL WEATHERSBY
The Daily Mississippian

When we were in grade school, getting out for summer break felt like a dream come true. Now for most of us, summer break is yet another opportunity to further ourselves academically. As we scurry through the blinding heat on the way to class, we lose track of those summer moments that left a glow in our hearts and memories. However, one can find salvation from a sweaty, zombified state as we go to and from summer classes in the tantalizing sounds of The Naked and Famous.

Hailing from New Zealand, the five-piece band released their album, “Passive Me Aggressive You,” in September 2010. The band has released two EP albums, but “Passive Me Aggressive You” is their first full-length album. Carrying 14 original songs, this

new album ushers The Naked and Famous into American ears. Sharing strong characteristics with the likes of MGMT, Passion Pit and Silversun Pickups, The Naked and Famous seem headed in the right direction.

Spearheading the album release is the song “Young Blood.” Topping the New Zealand charts and climbing the charts in the United Kingdom and here in the United States, “Young Blood” challenges its listeners to embrace the problems as well as the pleasures that come with being part of the world’s youth. All of the music created by The Naked and Famous orbits around being young, thus explaining the band’s placement in the growing Alternative and Indie musical genre.

When listening to The Naked and Famous, the mind is instantly hooked on the enchanting melodies and rhythms. If you are not

yet drooling from the corners of your mouth from the musical hypnosis, the mesmerizing voices of the lead singers Alisa Xayalith and Thom Powers will send your brain careening within seconds.

Xayalith’s voice reminds you of the infamous sirens that lure sailors with their angelic voices to instant death. However, as enticing as her voice is, it easily resembles the piercing falsettos from the band Passion Pit in some songs. When her voice does not sound like a high-pitched male, Xayalith explores a decent vocal range allowing the band to perform songs that are both upbeat and dancable to songs that leave you calm and relaxed. A perfect example is the song “Serenade” from an EP album that carries Xayalith singing with a jazzier tone.

Xayalith’s vocal counterpart is Thom Powers. With only a few songs that display his voice as a

lead, Powers usually supplies a soft but dark undertone to Xayalith’s sweeter sound.

It is surprising to hear little to no use of auto-tune and voice enhancers knowing that The Naked and Famous arose amongst the age of excessive use of technology in music. Therefore, the live sound of the band parallels nicely with the sound of the band on their album.

This fact is refreshing when computer-simulated melodies and beats bombard our ears on a regular basis. The aforementioned fact plus the band’s occasional use of apparent Rock influences stands as characteristics that distinguish The Naked and Famous from similar bands such as Passion Pit and MGMT.

The Naked and Famous sports a musical style that is uncommon among the music industry today, and from that same reason, the

band has developed a weakness. Whereas other artists produce songs that subtly explore the styling of other musical genres, The Naked and Famous’ unique musical style has the potential to grow tiring and outplayed. Their music is perfect for quiet studying and peaceful relaxation but require a devoted and loyal fan to appreciate their sound 24/7.

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The Naked and Famous, available on iTunes, is currently on tour, and scheduled to appear at Lollapalooza taking place in Chicago, Ill., in early August.

Callie Daniels: Deaf and Hearing

BY DIANA WIER
The Daily Mississippian

Callie Daniels is approaching her sophomore year at the University of Mississippi as a journalism major at the Meek School of Journalism and New Media. She attends honors courses, goes out to hear music on the weekends and is dealing with managing time between her boyfriend and her heavy course load.

Daniels is deaf. Though born hearing, after many sicknesses and much medication in the beginning of her life, she lost the ability to hear.

“Deaf” comes across as a strange word to describe Daniels at first glance. The tall, skinny and confident Daniels listens with her ears, not her eyes, and responds with her voice, not her hands.

Daniels has cochlear implants;

one in each ear. She first had the electronic device that provides her a sense of sound surgically inserted into her right ear at age 2 and her second in her left ear at age 4. Daniels said she vividly remembers the instant she could hear with her first implant. She said getting her second implant was like “going from black-and-white television to high definition.”

Her parents refused to place Daniels in a school where she would eventually become a part of the system and have her be treated as if she were mentally insufficient.

Daniels’ parents placed her in the Magnolia Speech School in her hometown, Jackson.

“Magnolia Speech School is a different kind of school,” Daniels said. “It motivates children with limited hearing or deafness to not

rely on sign-language and lip-reading to communicate.”

The transition from the Magnolia Speech School to the Ridgeland public school system, beginning with first grade and lasting until her senior year of high school, was smooth but Daniels said she didn’t feel challenged by the curriculum. She said she was offered to jump ahead a grade, but she declined because she wanted to be with her friends.

In high school, Daniels had a full schedule. On top of classes, she modeled, wrote for her school newspaper, rode horses and practiced ballet and the piano. Daniels said her favorite past time was being a “hipster” and going to see indie bands in bars in downtown Jackson.

Daniels experiences music the same way her peers do. “Sometimes I may get the lyrics wrong,

but I just look at the them on a sheet of paper and I go, ‘Oh, that’s what they were saying,’” she said.

Daniels said her transition from high school to college was difficult. “I made a lot of friends, and I lost a lot of friends. But now I’ve got a great guy who cares about me and a good set of friends.”

Many of her classmates do not even realize she is deaf, and if they do, she is oblivious to it. “When I’m in the classroom, I sit up front and I’m either focused on my notes or what the teacher is saying. If I am focused on my notes, I cannot even know what

the teacher is saying.”

Daniels’ voice sounds different, not because of her deafness, but because of a pallet deformation that she was born with. Even if Daniels had perfect hearing, her voice would have the same sound to it.

Daniels said the only potential problem she expects in her future career as a journalist is her inability to hear a conversation over the phone. “I’ve got a good buddy system,” she said. “If I cannot get an in-person interview, then I will say to my friend, ‘Here are my questions, interview this person and I’ll do all the work.’”

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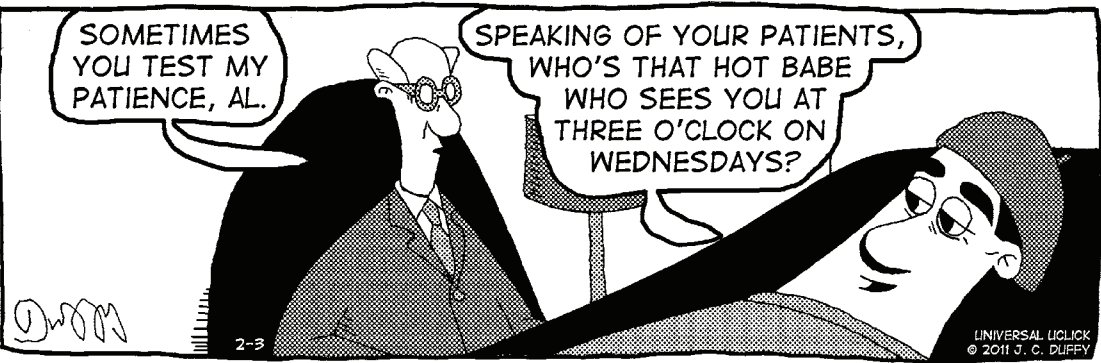
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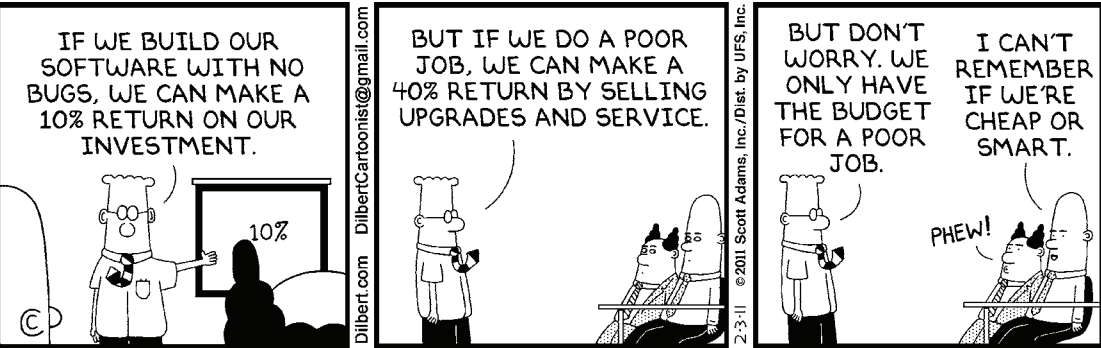
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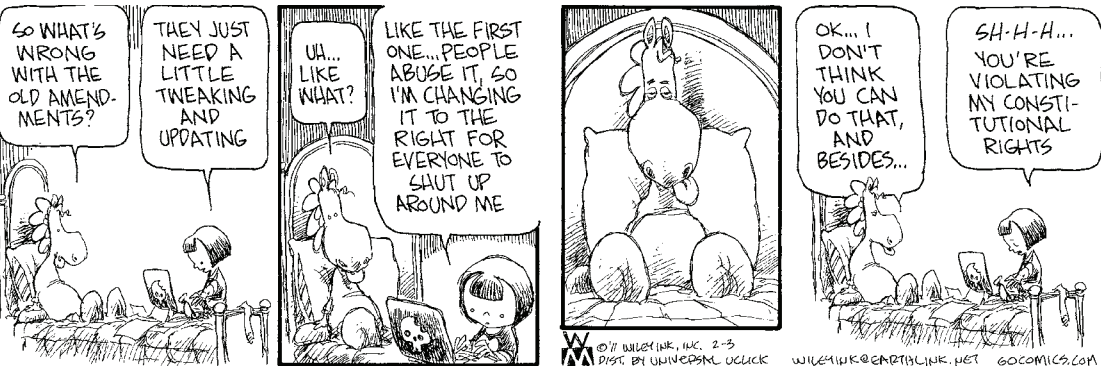
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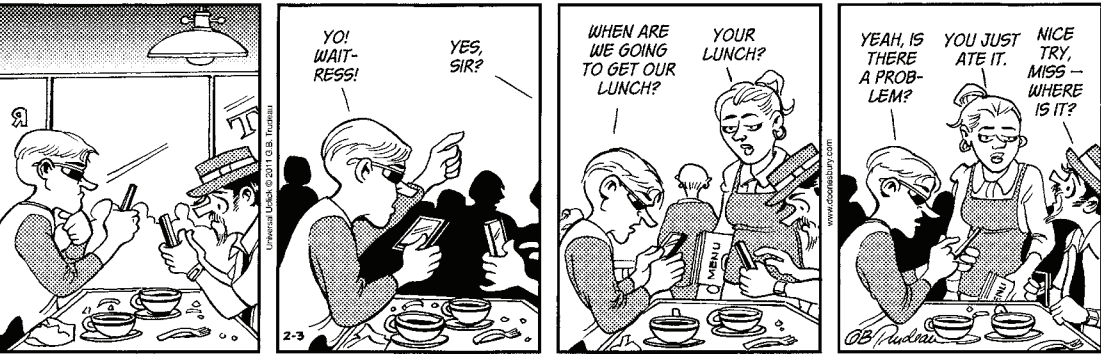
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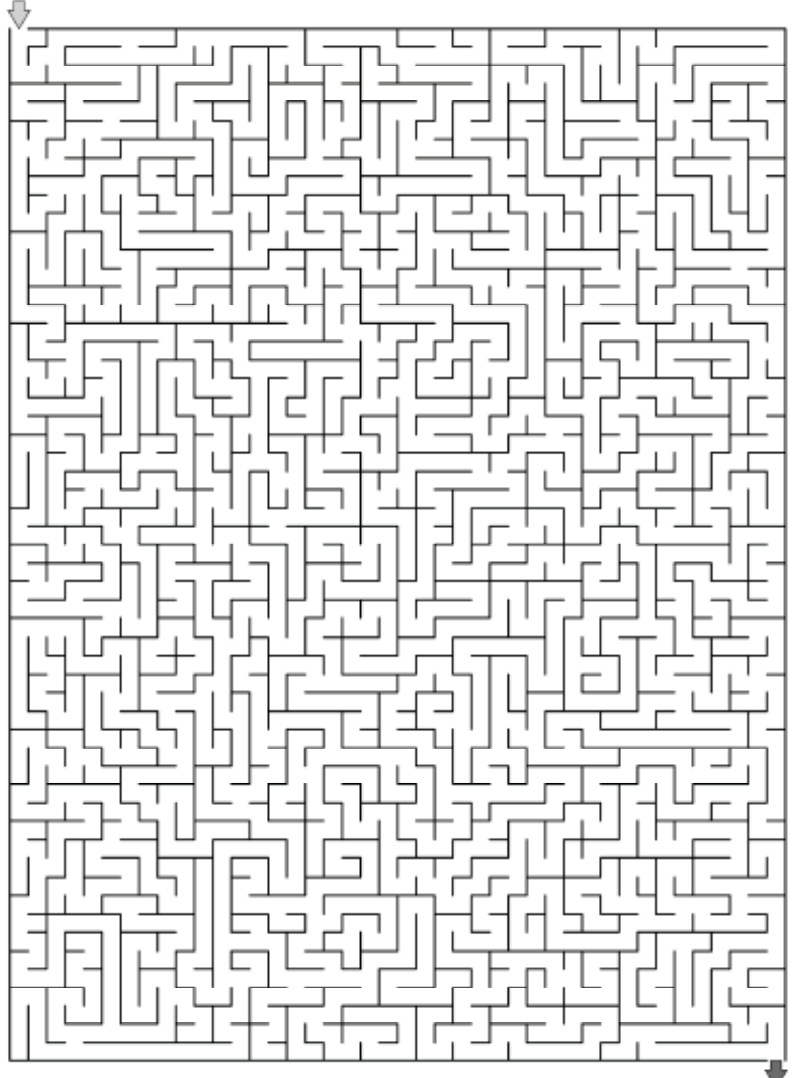
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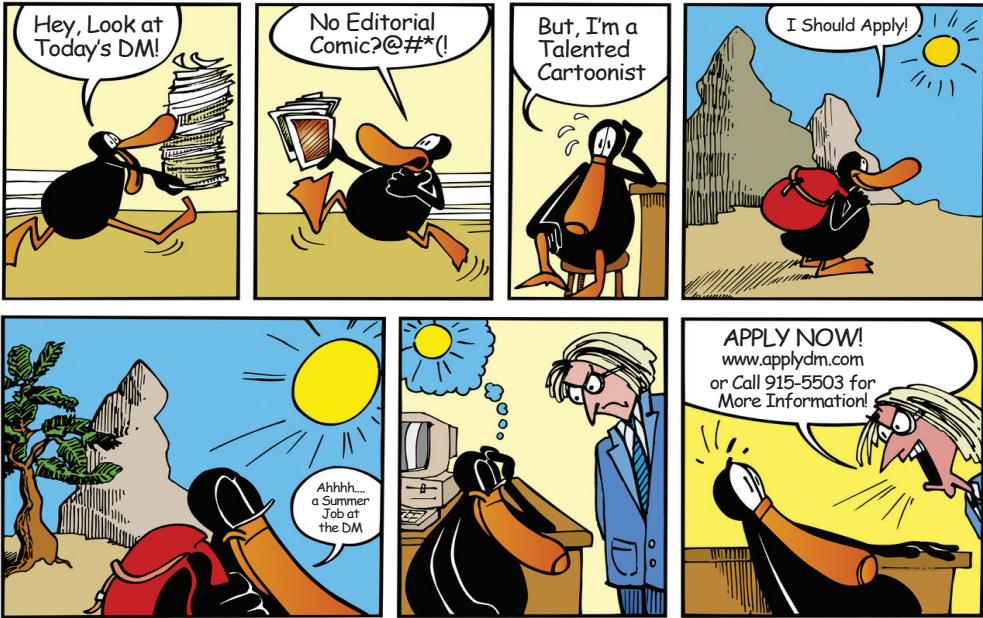
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UM football position breakdown: Linebackers

With college football only a couple months away, it's time to take an early look at the Ole Miss football team. Each Thursday, The Daily Mississippian's Bennett Hipp will break down Ole Miss position-by-position as part of an eight-week series. Next week: Defensive line

BY BENNET HIPPI
The Daily Mississippian

When Ole Miss entered spring practice, the linebacker group was the strong point of the Rebels defense and possibly the best unit on the team. However, spring was not kind to the Ole Miss linebacking corp and what was a sure thing has now turned into a question mark.

The first blow came when junior D.T. Shackelford, an emerging star and vocal leader, suffered an injury during spring drills. That injury turned out to be a torn ACL and Shackelford is out for the 2011 season, leaving a gigantic hole in the Ole Miss defense. He was the heart and soul of the Rebels defense last year, and he'll be nearly impossible to fully replace.

As if that wasn't enough, the Rebels lost another starter, although this wasn't due to injury. Clarence Jackson, a sophomore listed as the starter at weak-side linebacker coming out of spring practice, was kicked off the team by head coach Houston Nutt for violation of team rules.

The injury to Shackelford and dismissal of Jackson leave Ole Miss thin at linebacker and counting on big contributions from a trio of true freshman, namely C.J. Johnson.

At outside linebacker, where Shackelford was going to start, talented sophomore Mike Marry will get a long look at the position. After greyshirting, Marry made an impact in 2010 by playing in 10 games and recording 22 total tackles, including

a team-leading 11 tackles in a win over Louisiana-Lafayette. At 6'2", 248-pounds, Marry has both the size and strength to be a big part of the Rebels defense in 2011, whether he's inside or outside. Redshirt-freshman Sam Noblin, who moved from safety to linebacker, showed promise in the spring as well.

With Marry moving over from middle linebacker for part of the spring, it cleared the way for redshirt-freshman Ralph Williams to impress, and that he did. After showing improved physical presence and consistency, Williams capped it all off with a standout performance in the Grove Bowl, recording four tackles and an interception.

At the other linebacker spot, junior Joel Kight is listed as the starter after a productive spring. However, it ended prematurely due to a torn meniscus but after knee surgery, he is expected to be back in time for fall practice. Behind Kight on the depth chart after the spring is another junior, Rudy Wilson.

As fall practice gets closer and closer, the Rebels are counting on getting contributions from a couple of linebackers in their heralded 2011 recruiting class.

The one that will certainly garner the most attention is Johnson, who was ranked a five-star prospect by Rivals.com and a four-star prospect by Scout.com, respectively. The Philadelphia, Miss., product was one of the premier talents of the 2011 recruiting class and a U.S. Army All-American. Johnson will

be expected to step in and compete for playing time this fall.

Other contributions from the freshmen class could come from a pair of Floridians. Keith Lewis had offers from all over the country, but the 6'2", 216-pound Lewis chose Ole Miss and will certainly have a chance to get on the field. The other is Serderius Bryant, an undersized but speedy linebacker who makes plays all over the field.



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Junior Joel Kight hurries Mississippi State junior quarterback Chris Relf in a 31-23 loss last year. After graduation losses and junior D.T. Shackelford's ACL injury in spring practice, Kight is one of two returning starters in the linebacker corps with sophomore Mike Marry.

Ole Miss baseball in the pros

BY DAVID COLLIER
The Daily Mississippian

Five former Rebels are on major league rosters, including Lance Lynn, who made his debut last Thursday night. The Daily Mississippian's David Collier will give an update on how our former Rebels are doing so far this season.

Lance Lynn – St. Louis Cardinals – Pitcher

Last Thursday against the San Francisco Giants, Lynn made his Major League debut for the St. Louis Cardinals as he started in place of Kyle McClellan, who is not expected back until the end of June. The right-hander got off to a great start as he pitched into the fourth inning with a no hitter. Then his defense committed an error, which would have ended the inning and led to a home run. Lynn took the loss as he gave up five earned runs on four hits in five and one-third innings. He is scheduled for one more start tonight against the Houston Astros before McClellan rejoins the rotation.

Seth Smith – Colorado Rockies – Right Fielder

The Rockies have developed Smith into a very consistent player. Although he is not the flashiest guy in the world, he does what he is supposed to do. Smith has continued to put up good numbers through two months of the season. After 50 games played this season, Smith has a .304 batting average and .360 on-base percentage with five home runs and 23 runs batted in.

Chris Coghlan – Florida Marlins – Center Fielder

After a fast start to his 2011 campaign, Coghlan has been on a cold spell at the plate as of late. However, his spectacular defense in center field has made up for his struggling at bat as he has made himself a regular on ESPN's SportsCenter's Top 10 Plays. Coghlan has a batting average of .242 with four home runs and 21 runs batted in.

Matt Tolbert – Minnesota Twins – Shortstop

Two months into the season, Tolbert has played 39 games in his utility role thus far this season with a .208 batting average and eight runs batted in. However, if he continues to light it up this month like he has so far with a .389 batting average through six games, June could be a career month for the young shortstop.

Matt Maloney – Cincinnati Reds – Pitcher

Maloney has only pitched in six games thus far for the Reds, his last appearance being May 23. The left-hander has since been placed on the 60-day disabled list with a cracked rib injury. In 15 innings this season, Maloney is 0-1 with 7.20 ERA and 12 strikeouts.

Two former Rebs are one step away from the big leagues as they are beginning this season with Triple-A affiliates.

Alex Presley is an outfielder for the Pittsburgh Pirates' Triple-A team, the Indianapolis Indians.

So far this season, Presley leads the team and ranks among the International League's leaders in batting average (.335), home runs (8), runs batted in (32) and stolen bases (13).

Zack Cozart is playing shortstop for the Louisville Bats, a Cincinnati Reds affiliate. Cozart has a .315 batting average with six home runs and 25 runs batted in.

The Rebels also have four former players on Double-A rosters, five at the Class A Advanced level and eight in Single-A.

Cody Overbeck is a first baseman for the Reading Phillies in the Philadelphia Phillies organization. Overbeck leads the Eastern League with 16 home runs and 43 runs batted in, while batting .268 in 55 games.

Justin Henry is an outfielder for the Detroit Tigers' Double-A affiliate, the Erie Sea Wolves. Henry is third in the Eastern League with a .338 batting average and also has 18 runs batted in through 48 games.

Phillip Irwin is pitching for the Class A Advanced Bradenton Marauders, a Pittsburgh Pirates affiliate. The right-hander holds the second-lowest ERA in the Florida State League (2.08), a perfect 4-0 record with 38 strikeouts in 47 and two-thirds innings pitched.

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